

MONTHLY BURGLARY RECAP For the Month of August 2009



Residential Burglaries - Single Family Homes

DATE	TIME OCCURRED (DAY/NIGHT/ UNKNOWN)	AREA	METHOD FE - Forced Entry/NF - Non- Forced	LOSS
08-21 to 08-23 08-31	U D	<u>SOUTH</u> 100 Blk Wells Ave S 1100 Blk S 18 th St	FE – Broke Window FE – Forced Window	Nothing Reported Missing TV, Laptop, iPod, Game Console
08-02 08-13 08-13 08-15 08-18 08-20 08-20 08-25	N D D D D D D	SOUTHEAST 1700 Blk Jones Dr SE 16800 Blk 121 st Ave SE 1600 Blk Pierce Ave SE 11400 Blk SE 180 th Pl 16800 Blk 122 nd Ave SE 18600 112nd Ave SE 16800 Blk SE 122 nd St 2600 Blk Lake Youngs Ct SE	NF – Open Door NF – Unsecured Window FE – Broke Slider NF – Open Window FE – Pried Window FE – (Attempt) Pry Win FE – Removed Window FE – Forced Slider	Clothing, DVD Player, TV, Jewelry DVD Player, Camera, Jewelry, TV TV, Xbox, Jewelry Computer, Jewelry Laptops, Cash, Cellphone No Entry Gained Laptop, GPS, Game Console, Camera Wallet
07-31 to 08-01 08-14	U D	SOUTHWEST 800 Blk SW 3 rd Pl 900 Blk SW 3 rd Pl	NF – Unsecured Window NF – Open Window	Nothing Reported Missing Game Console
08-20 08-24	D D	NORTH 1100 Blk N 28 th St 200 Blk Garden Ave N	NF – Unsecured Window NF – Unlocked Window	TV, Laptop, Game Console, DVD Player, CD Plyr Laptop, Game Console
08-06 08-07 08-14 08-16 08-26 to 08-27	D N D D	NORTHEAST 2600 Blk Jones Ave NE 600 Blk Harrington Ave NE 2000 Blk NE 26 th Pl 1900 Blk NE 24 th St 2900 Blk Kennewick Pl NE	FE – Broke Window FE – (Attempt) Forced Win NF – Open Garage NF – Open Garage Door NF – Unlocked Garage	TV, Computer Equipment, Printer Suspect Arrested Bike Bikes Bikes
08-17	D	<u>NORTHWEST</u> 300 Blk NW 2 nd Pl	NF – Open Window	Nothing Taken (alarm)



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09-04 09-22	D N	SOUTH 2600 Blk Cedar Ave S 500 Blk Morris Ave S	FE – Broke Window NF – Unsecured Window	Nothing Reported Laptop, Cash, Firearm
09-02 09-08 09-09 09-21 09-27	D D D D	SOUTHEAST 11700 Blk 112 th Ave SE 11800 Blk SE 191 st St 18400 Blk 107 th Pl SE 1400 Blk Lake Youngs Way SE 11200 Blk SE 186 th St	NF – Open Garage Door FE – Broke Window FE – Pried Window FE – (Attempt) Pry Window FE – Pried Door	Game Console, Computer TV, Video Player, Jewelry, Purse Game Console, Cellphones Suspects Arrested Game Console, Video Camera, DVD Player
09-14 09-14	N D	SOUTHWEST 300 Blk Thomas Ave SW 19000 Blk 113 th Way SW	NF – Open Window FE – Broke Window	Interrupted Jewelry
09-10 to 09-13	U	<u>NORTH</u> 400 Blk Wells Ave N	NF – Unlocked Shed	Table Saw, Yard Equipment
08-31 to 09-01 09-03 09-03 09-08 09-12 09-22 09-28	U D D D D D	NORTHEAST 2900 Blk Kennewick Pl NE 2400 Blk NE 13 th St 2400 Blk NE 14 th St 2300 Blk NE 8 th Pl 500 Blk Ferndale Ave NE 2000 Blk Harrington Cir NE 5200 Blk NE 3 rd St	NF – Unlocked Garage Door NF – Open Window NF – Unsecured Garage Win FE – (Attempt) Force Door FE – Forced Window NF – Open Door FE – Pried Door	Sporting Equipment TV, Laptop, Jewelry, Consumables Laptops, Game Console No Entry Gained Cash Laptop, Computer Equipment Interrupted

August/September 2009

There were **20** residential burglaries during the month of August, with 0 occurring at an active Block Watch residence. **And** – there were **17** residential burglaries during the month of September, with 0 occurring at an active Block Watch residence

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY PREVENTION

Since it's been a while, I wanted to offer some burglary prevention information in this newsletter. Crime prevention can only help if you layer these safety suggestions like an onion. The goal is to make it <u>very</u> uncomfortable and very inconvenient for them to target your home.

- ✓ Remove the red emergency pull rope from your automatic garage door opener. This will help prevent a burglar from prying the top panel of your garage door, grabbing this rope, and unlocking your garage door.
- ✓ If you have an air conditioner unit installed inside a window, make sure this is installed tightly within the frame of the window. Plenty of burglars gained access to the inside of homes this past summer by simply removing the unit from the window.
- ✓ If you store any ladders outside, they should be secured to something outside the home with a durable bike lock. Burglars have no problem accessing 2nd story windows that are left open or unlocked.
- ✓ Keep dowels placed <u>flush</u> in the track of all windows and sliding doors. If a burglar breaks the glass surrounding the latching mechanism, they won't be able to simply slide open the window. Another good idea is to purchase a suspension rod for your sliding glass door, that will be immediately visible from the outside. Put burglars 'on notice' that you have taken steps to protect your home.
- ✓ Keep landscaping trimmed and cut back from windows, doors, and fence gates. Foliage should be kept below window sill level; trees should be cut up to at least 4 feet; and shrubs should be cut down and/or thinned so garage door lights and front porch areas aren't obscured by overgrowth. You don't want a burglar to feel protected and/or isolated at <u>any</u> point-of-entry to your home.

- ✓ Lighting is the number one deterrent to crime. Motion lights are recommended for the sides and back of homes, and photo-sensitive lights for the front porch and in front of your garage.
- ✓ Padlocks should be installed on all fence gates. Burglars sometimes count on being able to access the back of a home simply by reaching over and unlatching a fence gate. Take this convenience <u>away</u> from them!
- ✓ If you have chairs, barbeques, trash cans, storage bins, etc., stored along the side of your home, move those to a less convenient location. Burglars like to utilize these to access higher level windows in isolated areas of a home.
- ✓ Check your door's deadbolt and strikeplate. When you open your door and throw the bolt, does it retract when you hit the end of it with your hand? If it does, it's installed improperly. Does your strikeplate have at least 3 inch wood screws? Shallow screws will possibly allow a burglar to pry the door away from the door frame, gaining access into your home.
- ✓ The "bomber" door (which is the door leading from inside your garage to your home) should be treated just like a front door: it should be made of solid wood or metal and have a deadbolt and peephole installed. This door should not be left unlocked at any time.
- ✓ I believe alarms are one of the most effective burglary prevention tools you can have. Whether it's monitored or just an audible alarm system. When you read these block watch newsletters, look for the notation 'alarm' in the Loss category. This means that particular home had an alarm. It's not common for a home that has an alarm system to be targeted for burglary. Burglars don't want attention drawn to their location, and when there is an alarm blaring in their ears, they feel pressured and at risk.
- ✓ Heavy-handed 911 calling is the order of the day. The Renton Police Department is a 911-call responsive department. This is how calls are dispatched to officers in our City. Do <u>not</u> wait to see a defined crime before you call 911. You are more likely to see something suspicious and <u>that</u> is what you want to pay close attention to. If you're observing something you feel an officer should check out, call 911!!!!